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**PHONY “GREEN CARD” DEALER SNARED IN
LICENSE BRANCH PROBE GETS PRISON**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that HUGO SANTOS , 26, a Mexican national in the United States illegally, was sentenced to 41 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to two counts of Fraud in Connection with Identification Documents and one count of Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits and Other Documents. This case was the result of a joint state and federal investigation of alleged criminal activity in Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle license branches in the Indianapolis area in 2003 and 2004 investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and SafeStreets Gang Task Force.

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Santos was arrested in October 2003 after selling counterfeit green cards and other fake immigration documents to a cooperating informant. A subsequent search of his residence revealed hundreds of false documents and equipment for manufacturing more.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark S. Massa, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed three years supervised release following Santos's release from imprisonment, though Santos will likely be deported following completion of his sentence.

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